

Proposal Abstract

Applicant Name: The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Project Title: Modesty Creek II Conservation Easement Purchase and Land Acquisition

Project Description and Benefits to Restoration:

The Modesty Creek II project will permanently protect 1200 acres of land in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin from encroaching subdivision and residential development as part of a twelve-mile wildlife habitat/movement corridor. There will be a purchased conservation easement on 400 acres of Modesty Creek II west (land west of Race Track Road to the current conservation easement on Modesty Creek I) and a purchased acquisition of Modesty Creek II east (the land east and south of Race Track Road). Ownership of Modesty Creek II east will ultimately transfer to the State of Montana for management by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. A five-year stewardship fund to provide for weed management on Modesty Creek II east will be held by MFWP. RMEF will apply for Project Advisory Committee (PAC) funds to augment the NRD funded MFWP noxious weed abatement efforts on Modesty Creek II east. The ultimate goal of the project is to create, conserve and enhance the wildlife corridor from Modesty Creek I through the 1600 contiguous acres, to the south, owned by ARCO. Public access for walk-in hunting, fishing and recreation will be created on Modesty Creek I and Modesty Creek II west by an overlying access easement held by MFWP.

2008 Application		BUDGET SUMMARY FORM				
EXPENSE CATEGORY		UCFRB RESTORATION FUND	MATCHING FUNDS			TOTAL
			Cash	In-Kind	Subtotal	
1	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$10,350.00				\$10,350.00
2	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$3,150.00				\$3,150.00
3	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$39,200.00	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00	\$46,700.00
4	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS					
5	COMMUNICATIONS					
6	TRAVEL					
7	RENT AND UTILITIES					
8	EQUIPMENT					
9	MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,173,956.00		\$105,225.00	\$105,225.00	\$1,279,181.00
TOTAL		\$1,226,656.00	\$7,500.00	\$105,225.00	\$112,725.00	\$1,339,381.00

In electronic form this spreadsheet will automatically calculate the expense totals from the Budget Detail Form.